

One Percent More Jobs & More Savings for Your Community

Jump start jobs in your community by receiving more American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds. Now is the best time to leverage your ARRA block grant funds for energy efficiency projects by applying for an ultra-low interest rate loan of just 1 percent.

Three Programs Many Opportunities

The California Energy Commission expects to receive more than \$310 million in ARRA funding for energy-related projects and rebates. This funding will be distributed from three programs: The Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant Program (\$49.6 million), the State Energy Program (\$226 million) and the Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (\$35.2 million).

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ARRA FUNDING INFORMATION

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EECBG GUIDELINES/APPLICATION AND INFORMATION

www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/blockgrant.html

SEP GUIDELINES/APPLICATION AND INFORMATION

www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/sep.html

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SUCCESS STORIES

Case Studies of Locals Governments, Schools, and Hospitals

www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/casestudies.html

LOW-INTEREST LOANS TO BUNDLE WITH EECB GRANTS AND SEP PROJECTS

www.energy.ca.gov/efficiency/financing/index.html

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Energy Efficiency Works In Your Community

Apply for a Low Interest Rate
Loan for Energy
Efficiency Projects





One Great Loan Program Two Great Interest Rates

One percent loans? Yes! Adding ARRA – State Energy Program (SEP) funding to California's existing Energy Conservation Assistance Account Program (ECAA), the Energy Commission is providing loans with a low interest rate of 1 percent that can help local jurisdictions invest in energy efficiency, save money, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and build new jobs and industries for their communities. The current ECAA loan program is still offering a low interest rate of 3 percent for energy efficiency projects that do not qualify for ARRA funding.

Who is eligible?

Cities, counties, special districts, public schools, colleges and universities, public care institutions, and public hospitals are eligible to apply.

How much is available and what is the maximum amount per application?

Up to \$25 million in funds are currently available with a maximum loan amount of \$3 million per application. There is no minimum loan amount. Loan repayments for energy projects can take up to 15 years, including principal and interest (approximate 11 years simple payback). Simple payback is calculated by dividing the dollar amount of the loan by the anticipated annual energy cost savings.

How can I get an application?

The application is available at www.energy.ca.gov/recovery

What projects are eligible for the 1 percent?

Pick project with a proven energy saving track record such as:

- Lighting systems
- Building insulation
- Heating and air conditioning modifications
- Streetlights and LED traffic signals
- Automated energy management systems/controls
- Waste water treatment equipment
- Pumps and motors

Energy generation including renewable and combined heat and power projects

Energy audits and feasibility studies may be eligible for loans.

Can't Use ARRA funds for Your Project?

Some energy efficiency projects are not eligible for ARRA funds such as solar water heating for your community swimming pool or equipment that would reduce water use at the municipal golf course. For projects that aren't covered under ARRA, consider the 3 percent ECAA loan program. Used by hundreds of cities, counties and other public entities for more than 30 years, the ECAA program is offering its lowest interest rate ever.

Need Technical Help?

We recognize that some local jurisdictions have more experience than others so we have identified successful energy efficiency projects and case studies from our files. We also have technical consultants that can help identify cost effective energy projects and guide you through the steps from energy audit to application.